

*Inquiries of the Ministry***TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY****QUEBEC—INQUIRY AS TO REPORTED CHANGE
OF ROUTE**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): May I direct a question to the Minister of Public Works and ask whether he has approved the proposed route of the trans-Canada highway in the province of Quebec as recommended by the provincial authorities, the route which goes through Ile aux Tourtres instead of Ile Perrot.

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): The decision in connection with the route of the trans-Canada highway is a matter for each province with regard to that part of the highway which lies within that province. We are asked to consent to the route on which they decide and, tentatively, we have consented to the proposed route referred to by the hon. member for Laurier.

Mr. Chevrier: May I ask a supplementary question. Is the minister aware that one of his cabinet colleagues at a meeting in Dorion recently protested against this route? How does he reconcile this with the principle of cabinet solidarity?

Mr. Speaker: Order. On reflection, if the hon. member wants to ask a question on cabinet solidarity I suppose he might ask it.

Mr. Walker: I have not read the article, and hearing this at second hand from the hon. member for Laurier I would not accept it as a facsimile of what was said.

Some hon. Members: Why?

Mr. Walker: In the circumstances I will look into the matter in due course. In any event, I do not think I am called upon to answer a question which is, at best, facetious.

Mr. Chevrier: May I ask the minister a further question. Would the minister accept the statement as being first hand if I sent it over to him in a press clipping which appeared over the week end?

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

AGRICULTURE**INQUIRY AS TO ENLARGEMENT OF PUBLIC
RELATIONS STAFF**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillin-gate): Can the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Agriculture say whether the minister is making extensive additions to his public relations and information staff?

[Mr. Fulton.]

Mr. W. H. Jorgenson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture): I will take that question as notice.

Mr. Pickersgill: Is the hon. gentleman not aware of it?

NATIONAL DEFENCE**POINT EDWARD NAVAL BASE—SERVICES OF
COMMISSIONAIRES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence or to his parliamentary secretary, notice of which has been given. This question is prompted by a communication received from the Canadian corps of commissionaires employed at the naval base, and also from the Canadian Legion at Sydney Mines. Can the minister advise whether his department is giving consideration to dispensing with the services of the commissionaires at this base, all of whom of course are veterans?

Mr. Egan Chambers (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence): I should like to thank the hon. member for sending notice of this question to the associate minister, who is unable to be present in the house today. This question arises because of the study that has been going on at some naval stations to see whether a partial integration of security and firefighting services would be beneficial. At some locations this integration has been implemented; at others, one of which is Point Edward naval base, the responsible officers of the department have recommended that no change be made in the present arrangements.

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING
CORPORATION****LACOMBE, ALTA.—REPORTED INTENTION TO
MOVE STATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. S. Speakman (Wetaskiwin): Is the Minister of National Revenue in a position to reply to the question which I asked on February 16 with regard to the removal of the CBX transmitter station from Lacombe, Alberta?

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue): I do not want to give a formal answer to that question today, Mr. Speaker. I have a report coming to me in writing which I have been advised about, and I prefer to wait until I get the written reply.